

**SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PLANNING FOR MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

**PROJECT: CONTROL OF BAD PRACTICES IN TOURIST  
ATTRACTION SITES IN COIBA NP**

<b>Site: Coiba National Park, Panama</b>					
<b>Location: Montijo District, Veraguas Province, Panamá</b>					
<b>Theme: Control of Poor practices in Tourist Attractions</b>					
<b>Problem declaration/aspect:</b> Poor practices of attractions by tourists to the area in part due to the operators and the tourists and the tourist resources, which affects the biodiversity of the sites.					
<b>Level of actual impact:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> acceptable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> close to unacceptable <input type="checkbox"/> unacceptable					
<b>Level of projected impact:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> close to unacceptable <input type="checkbox"/> unacceptable					
<b>Is there information on the level of impact? If yes, explain:</b> Information of the coral reef exists that indicates that it is affected by visitors. Also there are high volumes of solid waste collected in the places of high visitor volume. Monitoring has shown a drop in waste, but plastic material exists in the park and monitoring of plasicts is not at an adequate level.					
<b>If not, where can you obtain this information?</b>					
<b>ACTIVITY 1</b>		<b>ACTIVITY 2</b>		<b>ACTIVITY 3</b>	
Activity description	Identification of operator activities within Coiba NP	Develpment of Capacity Qualifications	Workshop occurrence in CNP (theory, practice)		
Objetive	To obtain the background and qualifications of at least 50% of the operators identified in the continental coastal zone, in order to diminish the impacts caused by tourism in the marine protected area.				
Responsable person	Chief of the Park, Chief of the Protected Area Central level Department of Environment and Culure and Cleanliness Production ANAM				

Outcomes (short, mid and long-term)	Medium time Outcomes Code of regulations for tourist operations of the users inside the PNC		
Products (short, mid and long-term)	Short term: Qualification manual. Design and program workshops; Mid-term: Agreements and procedure standards consulting with operators		
Thresholds of unacceptable impact	10 bags of solid remainders collected in terrestrial and marine ecosystems to the north monthly 3 monthly seizures of illegal extractions of park resources		
Impacts of interested parties	Impact to boat owners, guides, operators of diving and facilitators of services on the coast, with respect to transformation of its vision of conservation and good practices in the site visitation.		

Impacts on community	The community benefits by using good environmental practices, integrating itself in the management protection of the park.		
Implementation partners	NGO's with intervention in the area, local tourism companies, Panamanian Tourism (IPAT), Panamas Project for Cleanliness (ANAM)		
Resource for implementation	Services in IPAT Species, ANAM and local Non-governmental Organizations (NGO's). Budget approximately \$7,500 USD		
Performance indicators	60% reduction of rights to bycatch harvesting in the park visitation. Illegal poaching does not occur in the park.		
Implementation time	1st semester of 2007		
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